

## **Genetic (DNA) Testing Procedures for Visa and Passport Applicants**

DNA testing analyzes the genetic material in human cells and has been found to be over 99 percent accurate in verifying family relationships - parent/child, brother/sister, etc. For this reason DNA testing is suggested only when no other options appear to be available. The testing is entirely voluntary and all costs and expenses associated with it must be paid entirely by the visa or passport applicant and/or his or her family. While we cannot require you to undergo this testing, we may not be able to continue processing your case without it. The test results are usually available within a month, although this varies by lab.

For more information on DNA parentage testing, [click here](http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info_1337.html) or cut and paste the following address into your browser's window:  
[http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info\\_1337.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info_1337.html).

If you decide to proceed with a DNA test, the petitioner (for immigrant visa applications) or family member (for passport applications) should arrange for testing with any one of the DNA laboratories accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) through [the following website](http://www.aabb.org/Content/Accreditation/Parentage_Testing_Accreditation_Program/AABB_Accredited_Parentage_Testing_Laboratories/aboutptlabs.htm) or cut and paste the following address into your browser's window:

[http://www.aabb.org/Content/Accreditation/Parentage\\_Testing\\_Accreditation\\_Program/AABB\\_Accredited\\_Parentage\\_Testing\\_Laboratories/aboutptlabs.htm](http://www.aabb.org/Content/Accreditation/Parentage_Testing_Accreditation_Program/AABB_Accredited_Parentage_Testing_Laboratories/aboutptlabs.htm). Please make sure to purchase the correct DNA kit from their chosen lab (DNA Kit 3).

In making the choice to pursue this testing, please remember that we cannot guarantee that the tests will produce a favorable result that would allow us to issue a visa or citizenship document.

The laboratory you choose **must** send the testing kit to the Consulate at the address below, and must include the name and location of the office that requested the testing:

### **U.S. Consulate Frankfurt Consular Section**

#### **Immigrant Visa Unit**

Giessener Strasse 30

60435 Frankfurt am Main

Email: [FrankfurtVisaInquiries@state.gov](mailto:FrankfurtVisaInquiries@state.gov)

Telephone: 069-7535-0

### **U.S. Consulate Frankfurt Consular Section**

#### **American Citizen Services Unit**

Giessener Strasse 30

60435 Frankfurt am Main

Email: [GermanyACS@state.gov](mailto:GermanyACS@state.gov)

Telephone: 069-7535-2100 (Mon-Fri 1400-1600)

The Consulate will receive the testing kit, and will contact the test participant(s) by phone or letter and schedule an appointment date for the next available DNA test date. Appointments cannot be scheduled before a testing kit is received by the Consulate. Please note that DNA tests are conducted once a month on the first Tuesday of each month. A physician selected by the Consulate will collect a sample from the test participant(s) in the presence of a Consular Officer.

The applicants should arrive at the Consulate at the appointment time, and must bring the following items:

1. Valid passport of the applicant (or if child without passport, the original birth certificate) and one photocopy of the biographic information in the passport;
2. One recent passport size photograph; **and**
3. Cash for payment for the DNA collection. Payment will be made directly to the physician who will take the sample. Only cash will be accepted. This fee is *in addition* to any fee charged by the laboratory for DNA analysis. Fees are as follows:
  - DNA test 1<sup>st</sup> adult applicant: Euro 100
  - Derivative adult family members (each additional adult): Euro 80
  - Derivative child: Euro 50
  - DNA test for child alone: Euro 100

**Please note that only a valid passport will be accepted as photo identification.**

**Children with no passport must bring a birth certificate.**